

## United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee

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### Number of Judgeships: 5

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**James D. Todd**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1943  
Education: Lambuth 1965 BS; Mississippi 1968 MCS;  
Memphis State 1972 JD  
Began Service: July 11, 1985  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Academic:** Science Teacher and Chairman of Science Department, Lyman High School (1965-1968); Science Teacher and Chairman of the Science Department, Memphis University School (1968-1972)

**Judicial:** Judge, Tennessee Circuit Court, Division II (1983-1985)

**Legal Practice:** Waldrop, Farmer, Todd & Breen, PA (1972-1983)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Judges' Association; Jackson-Madison County Bar Association; Federal Bar Association

### Staff

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**Jon P. McCalla**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Tennessee 1969 BS; Vanderbilt 1974 JD  
Began Service: 1992  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Bailey Brown, United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee (1974-1975)

### Chambers of District Judge Jon P. McCalla continued

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Armstrong, Allen, Braden, Goodman, McBride & Prewitt (1975-1980); Partner, Armstrong, Allen, Prewitt, Gentry, Johnson & Holmes (1980-1987); Partner, Heiskell, Donelson, Bearman, Adams, Williams & Kirsch (1987-1992)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1969-1971)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; Memphis Bar Association; Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference; Tennessee Bar Association; American Bar Association

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**Bernice B. Donald**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1951  
Education: Memphis State 1974 BA, 1979 JD  
Began Service: January 1996  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor (part-time), Shelby State Community College (1980-1984); Adjunct Professor (part-time), University of Memphis School of Law (1985-1988); Faculty, National Judicial College

**Corporate:** Clerk and Manager, South Central Bell Telephone Company (1971-1980)

**Government:** Staff Attorney, Memphis Area Legal Services (1980); Faculty, Federal Judicial Center; Assistant Public Defender, Shelby County, State of Tennessee (1980-1982)

**Judicial:** Judge, Tennessee General Sessions Criminal Court (1982-1988); Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Tennessee (1988-1995)

**Legal Practice:** Sole Practitioner (1979-1980)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation; Association of Trial Lawyers of America; Association for Women Attorneys; The Commission on Opportunities for Minorities; The Diversity Institute; International Women's Forum; Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules; Memphis Bar Association; National Association of Women Judges; National Bankruptcy Conference; National Bar Association; National Judicial College; Tennessee Bar Association; United Nations Development Program Advisory Council

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**Samuel H. Mays, Jr.**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Amherst 1970 BA; Yale 1973 JD  
Began Service: June 17, 2002  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Government:** Legal Counsel, Office of the Governor, State of Tennessee (1995-1997); Deputy Governor and Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor, State of Tennessee (1997-2000)

**Legal Practice:** Contract Employee, Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Adams, Williams & Walls (1973); Associate, Heiskell, Donelson, Adams, Williams & Kirsch (1973-1979); Shareholder, Heiskell, Donelson, Bearman, Adams, Williams & Kirsch (1979-1995); Shareholder, Baker, Donelson, Bearman & Caldwell (2000-2002)

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**J. Daniel Breen**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: July 10, 1950  
Education: Spring Hill 1972 BA; Tennessee 1975 JD  
Began Service: March 18, 2003  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee (1991-2003)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Waldrop, Breen, Bryant, Crews, Taylor & McLeary (1975-1991)

**Nonprofit:** President, Tennessee Bar Association (1996-1997)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation; Federal Judges Association; Leo Bearman, Jr. American Inn of Court; Memphis Bar Association; Tennessee Bar Association; Tennessee Bar Foundation

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**Diane K. Vescovo**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1955  
Education: Virginia 1977 BA;  
Memphis State 1980 JD  
Began Service: June 15, 1995  
Term Expires: June 15, 2011

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Harry W. Wellford (1980-1981)

**Legal Practice:** Lloyd C. Kirkland, Jr. (1981-1987); International Paper Company (1987-1992); Wolff Ardis, P.C. (1992-1995)

**Current Memberships:** Association of Women Attorneys; Federal Magistrate Judges Association; Memphis Bar Association; Tennessee Bar Association

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**S. Thomas Anderson**  
Magistrate Judge

### Chambers of Magistrate Judge Tu M. Pham

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**Tu M. Pham**  
Magistrate Judge

**Government:** Assistant U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Illinois, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice, William J. Clinton Administration (1999)

### United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Tennessee

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